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LETTER DATED 17 JUNE 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continue to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

First:

1. American air activity on 12 June 1991 amounted to 17 sorties flown by seven 2-aircraft formations and three solo sorties, at speeds ranging from 720 to 900 km/h and at altitudes of between 3,000 and 8,000 metres.

2. American flight activity centred on the areas of Mosul, Amadiyah, Zakho, Rawanduz and Arbil, for the purpose of observation and provocation.

Second:

1. American air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 13 June 1991 amounted to 16 sorties flown by eight 2-aircraft formations, at speeds ranging from 720 to 900 km/h and at low and medium altitudes.

2. Flights centred over the areas of Mosul, Dohuk and Zakho, for the purpose of observation and provocation.

Third:

1. American air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 14/15 June 1991 amounted to five sorties flown by two formations and one solo sortie.

2. The speeds of the aircraft range between 720 and 800 km/h at medium altitudes, and the flights centred over the areas of Mosul and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the United Nations.

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